

Doubts Newsmen to Fit Into Court Today--Shea

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Because of cramped quarters, Criminal District Court Judge Frank J. Shea said Tuesday it is doubtful that newsmen and spectators will be seated Wednesday for arraignment of suspended Jefferson Parish assistant district attorney Dean A. Andrews Jr.

Andrews was indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury last week on a perjury charge. He is scheduled to appear in court at 10:30 a. m.

Judge Shea said jurors take up all of the seating space in his small courtroom and only if some of the jurors are excused for the proceeding will newsmen be allowed to come in. Shea said he does not allow persons to stand in his courtroom.

The judge said he will tell Criminal Sheriff Louis A. Heyd Jr. to allow newsmen to enter on a strict first-come, first-served basis — if seats are available.

Cameramen, photographers and all electronic devices will be prohibited from the third floor of the building where his courtroom is located, said Judge Shea. He said he had no objection to cameramen being on the second floor.

Normally, arraignment proceedings are brief.

The charge against Andrews has attracted wide attention because it arose out of his questioning in connection with Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's probe into the slaying of President John F. Kennedy.

Andrews has testified for the grand jury twice in connection

with the assassination probe. The specific basis of the perjury charge against him was not disclosed.

Meanwhile, in another related development to the Garrison probe, Vernon Bundy Jr., a Parish Prison inmate who testified at the Clay L. Shaw preliminary hearing Friday, was again questioned by the district attorney's office. He was seen being ushered from the prison to the district attorney's office on the second floor of the Criminal Courts bldg., escorted by Ptn. Charles Jonan, an investigator on the DA's staff.

Bundy, a 29-year-old Negro self-admitted narcotics addict, told the court he had seen Shaw and Lee Harvey Oswald together on the Lake Pontchartrain seawall during the summer of 1963. Oswald was identified by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin.

The condition of Shaw, admitted last weekend to Southern Baptist Hospital for rest and treatment of a lower back ailment that troubled him during a four-day preliminary hearing, was described Tuesday as "very satisfactory" by his physician, Dr. Martin Palmer. No decision has been made as to when Shaw will be released, Dr. Palmer said Tuesday. "It probably will be late this week," said Dr. Palmer.

Garrison is expected to file a bill of information sometime this week charging Shaw with alleged participation in an assassination plot.